

people except that they originally came from Newark, N. J. and that Mrs. Greenwood is a prostitute and is out "hustling" at present. Jim Russell claims that he will secure further information about these people.

Both Greenwood and Blackwell are employed by the International at New Brunswick, N. J. and if necessary, we might be able to get their employment papers and find out what their previous references are.

I asked the Russells about Cecil Battle. They claim that his correct name is Frank Cecil Battle and that he married the daughter of a man named Marono, or some such similar name. That Battle and his wife lived on the Gibson farm for quite some time. It finally developed that both Battle and his father-in-law, Marono, were on intimate terms with Mrs. Gibson. A fight followed and both Battle's wife and Marono's wife left them. Battle removed from the farm following this trouble. Since that time the Maronos have become reconciled, but the Battles are still living apart.

I am endeavoring to locate both the Battles and the Maronos.

The Russells claim that Mrs. Gibson was arrested in New Brunswick on two occasions. From the story as they have it, Bill Whittaker transferred his affections to some New Brunswick girl and Mrs. Gibson in a fit of jealousy, came to New Brunswick and gave the girl a beating.

The Russells also have a long story as to the way they were treated at Somerville, N. J. by Simpson and Underwood. They were detained there over night and grilled and Simpson finally announced that he was going to have Mrs. Russell held without bail when she persisted in sticking to her original story. She was then turned over to Underwood who tried to induce her to fix the conversation with Jane Gibson as occurring on some other date. When she would not do so, he wanted her to change the time of the night that it took place. He promised her that no harm would come to her if she changed her story. She stuck to the time and date and after numerous threats, was permitted to go home in the custody of her husband.

The State Trooper who came to take her to Somerville also told her that the best thing for her to do when she got to Somerville would be to know nothing.

Respectfully yours,

David Thompson.